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Re: Inventors: Michael R. Rice, Robert B. Lowrance, Martin R. Elliott, Jeffrey C. Hudgens and Eric A. Englhardt
Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING SUBSTRATE CARRIERS
Serial No.: 10/764,982
Filed: January 26, 2004
Art Unit: 3652
Examiner: Not yet assigned

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Total Claims	N/A	- 20 =	-0-	X \$18.00	\$0.00
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,762,544, Zuniga et al.

Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0 987 750 A1 (EPO)

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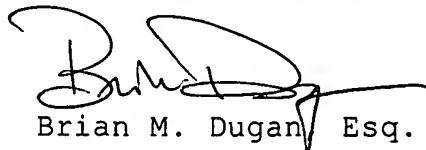
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These references are also listed on the accompanying
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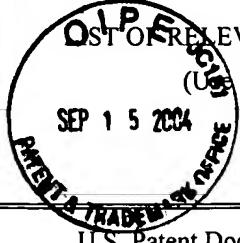
Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent
application is respectfully requested.

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U.S. Patent Documents							
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	US-1	5,762,544	06/09/98	Zuniga et al.	451	285	
	US-2						
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	F-1	EP 0 987 750 A1	03/22/00	EPO			X
	F-2	EP 1 134 641 A1	09/19/01	EPO			X
	F-3	WO 99/64207	12/16/99	WIPO			X
	F-4	WO 02/19392 A1	03/07/02	WIPO			X
	F-5						
OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
	OT-1						
	OT-2						
	OT-3						
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